

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a surgical suture placement device that includes a handle assembly rotatably secured to an elongated hollow outer tube extending from the handle assembly. Also included is a suturing assembly rotatably secured to the distal end of the elongated hollow outer tube and a hollow flexible tube connecting the handle assembly to the suture assembly by traversing the inside of the elongated hollow outer tube. The device can be used for placing a suture through the urethra and bladder neck to perform an urethrovesical anastomosis, e.g., after removal of the prostate.